

The Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 4/26/2017 at 6:00 PM

Recorded by Alan Saffron, Secretary

Location: Bow Baker Free Library, 509 South Street, Bow, NH

Attendees

Alan Saffron Jon Siegel Jim Forbes David Foote Peter James Michael Moore
Bob Couch Claude Dupuis Mike DiMaggio Tony Immorlica Steve Costain

Guest

Dave Emerson

Wood Days 2018

Dave Emerson reviewed the Wood Days program at Canterbury Shaker Village. He pointed out that the Village receives much needed revenue from the additional attendance the program generates. For the program to continue, he needs woodworkers for demonstrations. In addition to an announcement at the April General Meeting, believing in a one on one approach, Dave asked the SC members to speak to members that may have some interest in participating.

Turning Symposium

Claude Dupuis reported meeting with Peter Breu for help in planning the symposium. Claude will follow Peter's organization used for previous symposiums, enlisting members to coordinate presenters, the trade show, publicity, the instant gallery, volunteers, equipment, registration, audio/visual needs, youth day, the youth turning competition, and a treasurer. Claude also noted that a date must first be determined.

Secretary's Report

Peter James made the motion to accept the secretary's report, Bob Couch seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Forbes distributed the monthly Treasurer's Report as of April 24 MTD noting the 2017 budget would end in a deficit. Dave Foote asked for confirmation that the \$10,000 internal transfer was done. Jim replied it had (January 28), noting as an internal transfer it does not show in a line item on the monthly treasurer's report, but is included in the January balances, and is visible on the Money Market Monthly Report. He also added that, when appropriate, regular transfers will be made zeroing out the original transfer. Peter James made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, Bob Couch seconded, and the motion passed.

Jim Seroskie noted that the 2017 subgroup allocations had not been made, adding that all subgroups had a positive account balance and that no group has requested the funds. After a short discussion, Peter James made a motion to immediately allocate \$2000 for the subgroups to be divided according to the formula stated in the subgroup policy. Bob Couch seconded and the motion passed. Dave Foote will do the calculations and provide the figures to Jim Forbes.

As of April 26, 2017

General Fund	\$10,237
Grants Funds	
Unallocated	\$5,257
GSWT	\$886
Boat Builders	\$1,028
Hand Tools	\$295
BIG	\$477
Luthiers	\$750
Period	\$875
App Grants	\$571
<u>Guild programs</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>

Total Grants \$12,139

Total Guild \$22,376

Programs

Tony Immorlica reported finalizing arrangements for the summer trip to be held on May 17 at Sanborn Mills Farm in Loudon, NH.

Venue Options

Bob Couch reiterated the SC's need to replace Cobb Hill Construction as our meeting location. The Bow Library, which seems to be an ideal location, is only available if a Bow resident (Bob Couch) is present. Bob will not be attending meetings during the summer months. He suggested meeting at a restaurant or a church. It was agreed to meet at Veano's Italian Restaurant at 16 Sheep Davis Road in Pembroke for dinner and then have the meeting at the Bow Library once again.

Non-Guild Events Policy

Dave Foote distributed a draft of a new policy covering the communication of non-Guild events with the Guild's communication and information system. After some discussion and corrections, Bob Couch made a motion to accept the policy as corrected, Michael Moore seconded, and the motion passed.

Sunapee Fair Committee

Michael Moore compared the management of the triennial turning symposium with the Guild's minimal management of the annual Sunapee Fair. He argued the Fair is too important to continue to rely on one individual for its success. He suggested the creation of a Sunapee Fair Committee to be overseen by the SC, and volunteered to head it up. All were in agreement and support.

The Journal

Jim Seroskie reported that The Journal went to print on April 20th and should be at the post office the second week of May. He also noted that all expenses are as expected and that the advertisers' complimentary copies should be reviewed. That discussion will be held for the May meeting.

Publishing two 56 page editions each year decreases the usual page count by eight, but will yield some savings. Jim also noted that his author pool is low and necessitated requesting articles from SC members.

Membership

Jim Seroskie reported membership at 555. He also distributed a graph showing that our long term trend is stable. Two year memberships are proving to be popular. The SC agreed to purchasing 1500 cards which is about a two year supply.

Jim then distributed a revised membership application with an opt OUT option for member database inclusion, a change necessitated by the website changes.

Website

Jim Seroskie distributed some sheets of analysis and explained the Drupal/iMIS relationship and its advantages. A disadvantage of iMIS is that all communication for the website must go to Jim because of the restrictions of their license, but those restrictions save \$1500 annually. His analysis included a summary of the general fund's long term finances. With a budgeted annual website cost of \$4200, the Guild should save approximately \$2500 a year.

He also included a 'go live' schedule. Website operations should return to normal on or about June 7.

Jim distributed a proposed change to Article IX of our bylaws regarding privacy. He noted that Article IX was written prior to the website's use of Wild Apricot and needed to be updated to reflect the current state of our website. Bob Couch made a motion to accept the change and bring it to the membership at the Annual Meeting in September.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.